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Emphasis Patrols Target Unsafe Trucks

On May 21 and 22, 2008, the Washington State Patrol's Commercial Vehicle Division and Field Operations Bureau participated in a joint emphasis targeting unsafe trucks in Klickitat County. During the emphasis, teams of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers and Troopers patrolled all major state routes and opened the scales focusing on issues pertaining to load securement and overweight vehicles. Additionally, Troopers utilized the Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks (TACT) philosophy of focusing on collision causing violations by trucks and passenger vehicles.

During the two-day emphasis, officers conducted 151 Commercial Vehicle Safety Administration (CVSA) Inspections and stopped 34 passenger cars for driving erratically around commercial motor vehicles. Of the 151 commercial vehicles inspected, twenty four were placed out-of-service for equipment violations and five drivers were placed out-of-service for various driver violations.

"This is an example of the efforts our officers make each day to fulfill the Washington State Patrols goal of preventing collisions, and saving lives," said Captain Darrin Grondel, Commander of the Washington State Patrol Commercial Division.

The following list shows the type of violations found during the two-day emphasis.

- 32 brake violations
- 15 load securement violations
- 24 lighting device violations
- 11 tire/wheel combination violations
- 19 miscellaneous violations
- 5 aggressive driving violations
- 1 driver's license violation
- 11 medical certificate violations
- 22 logbook violations
- 20 over legal weight violations
- 14 seatbelt violations
- 53 speed violations

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